Statement

Central Assistance provided by Ministry of Finance to Bihar

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Plan Scheme	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		Allocated	Released	Allocated	Released	Allocated	Released
1	Normal Central Assistance	2000.16*	560.04	2293.07*	681.04	733.61	244.53
2	Border Areas Dev. Prog.	7.28	16.93	16.93	31.19	25.00	
3	AIBP and other Water Related Schemes	75.00*	23.24	250.00*	9.71	115	41.27
4	Accelerated Power Dev. & Reforms Programme	68.21	0.00	60.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
5	National Social Assistance Programme	132.05	132.13	161.00	360.02	399.46	129 55
6	Rastriya Sam Vikas Yojna/ Backward Region Grant Fund	1315.00	671.49	1345.00	999.99	1640.26	762.41
7	JNNURM	#	0.00	250.00	45.39	300.00	17.08
8	E-Governance (NEGAP)	4.25	15.04	15.95	14.90	26.58	0.00
9	National Programme for Adolecent Girls	13.80	5.26	13.80	5.37	13.80	0.00
10	Externally Aided Projects	#	0.00	#	0.93	100.00	1.82
11	One Time ACA	#	0.00	50.00*	19.75	21.00	0.00

* As per recommendation of the Twelfth Finance Commission (TFC), loan portion (70%) of Central assistance is to be raised by the State Govt. from market.

No allocation made by Planning Commission for Annual Plan 2005-06

Development of Mumbai as global finance centre

982. SHRTMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mumbai's dream of becoming a global financial centre will not be achieved soon;

(b) whether in the recent study ranking the competitiveness among 46 international financial centres, Mumbai ranks 39th, way below Asian hotspots like Hong Kong and Singapore;

(c) whether the Global Financial Centres index is the first study to continuously rank financial centres; and

(d) if so, what are the concrete steps Government are considering to take to make Mumbai a global financial center?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) A High Powered Expert Committee (HPEC) constituted by the Government, pursuant to an announcement in the Budget 2005-06, made several recommendations for developing Mumbai as an International Financial Centre. These include recommendations on (i) the general macroeconomic environment and the policy framework, (ii) financial system reforms, and (iii) provision of top class urban infrastructure and governance in Mumbai.

The Report of the Committee has been placed in the public domain for obtaining feedback and to build a consensus on the key recommendations of the Committee.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The press release of City of London Corporation claims that their research has established, for the first time, an index of competitiveness between 46 of the world's financial cities.

(d) As in (a) above.

Criteria fixed for issue of credit cards to farmers

†983. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria set by banks and financial institutions to issue credit cards to the farmers in the country, the names of Banks/Financial institutions authorised for this purpose;

(b) the number of credit cards issued by these Financial Institutions and various banks to the farmers in Haryana during last two years till date alongwith their number;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints regarding irregularities committed by banks and financial institutions in issuance of credit cards to the farmers during these years;

(d) if so, the details of complaints received by Government during the last two years, State-wise;

(e) whether any action has been taken by Government on the same; and

(f) the steps Government are going to take in this regard in future?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.